

PATENT  
Customer No. 63,432  
Attorney Docket No. 09138.0069-00000

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
Doug SWEET et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1797  
Application No.: 10/538,964 ) Examiner: D. Henkel  
Filed: June 14, 2005 ) Confirmation No.: 5627  
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
AUTOMATIC STAINING OF )  
TISSUE SAMPLES )

**Mail Stop AMENDMENT**  
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## **AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2008, the period for response to which extends through March 2, 2009, as March 1, 2009 is a Sunday, by a request for extension of two months and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 5 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.